

Series: I Wish I'd Asked That; Sermon: "Why do some people not get it?"
Delivered on March 24, 2019 by Dr. Josh Moody, senior pastor,

Bible text explored: John 14:22–31

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Judas asks Jesus (v. 22) why he is making what is about to happen clear to his inner circle, but not also declaring it publicly. What is the gist of what he has explained to them? (See *John 14:1-4*.)

What (vv. 23-24) limits the number of those to whom the Father and Son have revealed themselves?

And what must you do if you fully love Jesus?

2. By this measure, what A-B-C steps may even regular church attenders need to take to actually "get it"?
3. What had Jesus just told his disciples, before Judas's question? (See *John 14:21*.)
What assurance did Jesus give about the results of an intentional search? (See *Matt. 7:7-8*.)

4. To what or whom (vv. 25-26) should we be listening?
How were Jesus' Apostles reminded by the Spirit of what he had taught and done? (See *John 2:22*, *2 Peter 1:21*.)
Have you taken any of these steps to regularly hear what the Bible has to say to you?
 - ___ Turned off any distractions to focus on its power
 - ___ Asked the Holy Spirit to help you understand it
 - ___ Read aloud to hear God's voice
 - ___ Asked God to show you how to obediently respond

5. Jesus used the common Hebrew greeting, *Shalom*, (v. 27) in an unusual way. (This word goes well beyond the absence of conflict, to indicate total wellbeing and inner rest of spirit.) Far from abandoning his disciples, what parting gift did Jesus promise?

6. What did Jesus say should have been the disciples' response (vv. 28-29) on learning that he was going to the Father?
Why was this good news? (See *John 12:23; 13:31*.)
7. On what (vv. 30-31) did Jesus now want to focus his own and his disciples' attention?
8. How did he make clear that the cross was no accident, and that he would not be a helpless victim? (See *2 Cor. 5:21*)
How was Jesus setting his disciples an example of complete obedience to the Father?
How can we also rise above lesser focuses? (See *1 Cor. 2:1-2*.)